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IMPORT HEALTH STANDARD FOR THE IMPORTATION OF MADAGASCAN GIANT DAY GECKOS (*PHELSUMA MADAGASCARIENSIS GRANDIS*) FROM AUSTRALIA INTO NEW ZEALAND FOR ZOOLOGICAL GARDENS

1 IMPORT HEALTH STANDARD

1.1 Pursuant to section 22 of the Biosecurity Act 1993, this document is the import health standard for the importation from Australia of Madagascan giant day geckos (*Phelsuma madagascariensis grandis*) into New Zealand for zoos.

1.2 This import health standard may be reviewed, amended or revoked if there are any changes in New Zealand's import policy or the animal health status of the originating country, or for any other lawful reason, at the discretion of the Director Animal Biosecurity.

2 IMPORTER'S RESPONSIBILITIES

2.1 The importer must obtain a permit to import prior to proceeding with importation (See PART B: IMPORTATION PROCEDURE).

2.2 The costs to Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry in performing functions relating to the importation of Madagascan giant day geckos shall be recovered in accordance with the Biosecurity Act and any regulations made under that Act.

2.3 All costs involved with documentation, transport, and obtaining a biosecurity direction and/or biosecurity clearance shall be borne by the importer or agent.

3 DEFINITION OF TERMS

Director Animal Biosecurity: The Director Animal Biosecurity, New Zealand Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry, or any person who for the time being may lawfully exercise and perform the power and functions of the Director Animal Biosecurity.

Equivalence: Acceptance by the Director Animal Biosecurity that the circumstances relating to the importation of a consignment are such that the health status of the consignment is equivalent to the health status of a consignment that complies with the requirements of the import health standard.

Official veterinarian: A veterinarian authorised by the Veterinary Administration of the exporting country to perform animal health and/or public health inspections of commodities and, when appropriate, perform certification in conformity with the provisions of Chapter 1.3.2 of the *OIE International Animal Health Code*.

Veterinary officer: A registered veterinarian who is an inspector under the Biosecurity Act employed either by the Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry or by a supplier contracted to provide services to the Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry.

Transitional facility: As defined by the Biosecurity Act 1993.

4 EQUIVALENCE

This import health standard is in accordance with agreements between the exporting country and New Zealand. Biosecurity clearance is not normally given to a consignment that does not meet the requirements of this import health standard in every respect.

Occasionally it is found that due to circumstances beyond the control of the importer or exporter, a consignment does not comply with the requirements of this import health standard. In such cases, an application for equivalence submitted by the exporting country's government Regulatory Authority prior to importation shall be considered and may be given at the discretion of the Director Animal Biosecurity, if the following information is provided:

4.1 which clause/s of the import health standard cannot be met and how this has occurred;

4.2 the reason/s the consignment may be considered of equivalent health status to a consignment complying with this import health standard, and/or what proposal is made to achieve an equivalent health status;

4.3 the reason/s why the veterinary authority believes this proposal should be acceptable to the Director Animal Biosecurity, and their recommendation for its acceptance.

PART B. IMPORTATION PROCEDURE

5 PERMIT TO IMPORT

5.1 A permit to import is required for all consignments of Madagascan giant day geckos (*Phelsuma madagascariensis grandis*) imported into New Zealand from Australia. Application for a permit shall be made at least 30 days prior to the proposed date of importation in writing to the Director Animal Biosecurity, Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry, PO Box 2526, Wellington, New Zealand.

5.2 The importer shall supply the following information:

(i) name and address of exporter
(ii) description and numbers of animals to be imported
(iii) date of the proposed importation
(iv) name and address of the low security quarantine transitional facility to which the consignment is to proceed following importation
(v) a letter from the New Zealand Veterinary Officer supervising post arrival quarantine indicating that the facility is available for this consignment
(vi) the port of arrival and route of transport to the low security quarantine transitional facility.

5.3 A permit to import shall be granted for a single consignment only.

6 ELIGIBILITY FOR IMPORTATION

6.1 Eligibility for importation under this import health standard is confined to the Madagascan giant day gecko (*Phelsuma madagascariensis grandis*).

6.2 An animal born and continuously resident in a government registered or licensed, zoo or wildlife park.

6.3 An animal continuously resident in the premises of origin for at least 12 months prior to certification.

6.4 If any positive results are obtained during quarantine testing, the Director Animal Biosecurity, New Zealand Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry must be informed immediately for a decision to be made regarding the fate of the consignment. The fate of the consignment shall be one of the following options:

either 6.4.1 the animal will be subject to further testing, treatment and an extended quarantine period at the importer's expense,
or 6.4.2 the importation will be cancelled.

7 DOCUMENTATION ACCOMPANYING THE CONSIGNMENT

The required documentation is completed copies of the following:

- Zoosanitary Certificate
- Veterinary Certificate A
- Veterinary Certificate B

[Note: Any requirement for CITES or other conservation related documentation must be met by the exporter/importer and is independent of this certification requirement.]

8 AIR TRANSPORT TO NEW ZEALAND

8.1 The animal must be in an approved container that meets the IATA standards.

8.2 No animals other than those qualified for entry into New Zealand are permitted to be carried on the aircraft.

8.3 The use of straw or hay as bedding is not permitted. Only sterilised peat, soft board or other inert, approved products may be used.

8.4 The door of the transport container must be sealed with a government approved seal before the container is loaded into the aircraft in the country of origin. The number or mark on the seal must be recorded in Veterinary Certificate B by the Official Veterinarian. The construction of the container and the placement of the seal must be such that the container cannot be readily opened without breaking the seal. If the container is opened during shipment it shall be re-sealed and a certificate detailing the circumstances provided by an Official Veterinarian, Port Authority or Captain of the aircraft. Instructions to this effect must be attached to the outside of the transport container.

8.5 Details of transport and arrival times must be supplied to the New Zealand Official Veterinarian at the airport of entry not less than 7 days in advance of importation, indicating the flight number and expected time of arrival.

PART C. CLEARANCE PROCEDURE

9 BIOSECURITY DIRECTION

9.1 Upon arrival in New Zealand the documentation accompanying the animal shall be inspected by an Inspector at the port of arrival.

9.2 A biosecurity direction may be given by an Inspector under section 25 of the Biosecurity Act 1993 authorising the animal to move to the low security quarantine transitional facility named in the permit to import, providing that the documentation meets all requirements noted under PART D. ZOOSANITARY CERTIFICATION and the consignment meets the conditions of ELIGIBILITY.

10 TRANSITIONAL FACILITY

10.1 Following biosecurity direction being given, the animal must proceed to the approved registered low security quarantine transitional facility.

10.2 The animal shall remain in the low security quarantine transitional facility for not less than 30 days, or for a longer period, if required by the Director Animal Biosecurity.

10.3 On arrival in the transitional facility the animal must be subjected to such testing, treatments or procedures required by the Director Animal Biosecurity, including:

10.3.1 Examination by a veterinary officer for the presence of external parasites, especially ticks. Any ectoparasites found must be sent to the National Centre for Disease Investigation (NCDI) for identification.

10.3.2 A faecal sample must be obtained and submitted to the NCDI for parasitological examination.

10.4 The crate used to transport the animal must be cleaned and disinfected. All feed, bedding and faecal material must be destroyed by incineration.

10.5 All costs of testing, treatment, transport, quarantine servicing and veterinary supervision must be borne by the importer.

10.6 On satisfactory completion of the post arrival quarantine period, and on the written confirmation from the Director Animal Biosecurity, the supervising Veterinary Officer will authorise the animal to be moved from the transitional facility to a permanent containment facility at the importing zoo.

10.7 The animal and its offspring must remain permanently in a registered zoo, and can only be transferred to another zoo with the prior permission of the Director Animal Biosecurity.

PART D : ZOOSANITARY CERTIFICATE

Species: Madagascan giant day gecko (*Phelsuma madagascariensis grandis*)

To: NEW ZEALAND

Permit to Import No. .....

Exporting Country: AUSTRALIA

Service:
Region:

I: IDENTIFICATION OF THE ANIMAL

1 Microchip/Tattoo (delete one) identification number:.....

2 Site of microchip/tattoo (delete one):.....

3 Other identification (eg. ARKS number):.....

4 Species:.....

5 Sex:.....

6 Date of Birth:.....

II: ORIGIN OF THE ANIMAL

1 Name and address of exporter: .....

2 Place of origin of animal: .....

3 Port of embarkation: .....

III: DESTINATION OF THE ANIMAL

1 Name and address of consignee: .....

2 Flight Number: .....

3 Port of arrival:.....

IV: SANITARY INFORMATION

VETERINARY CERTIFICATE - A

I,.....being a registered veterinarian and authorised to provide veterinary services to the government registered zoo or wildlife park named in section II, certify with respect to the animal identified in the attached Zoosanitary Certificate that:

1 After due enquiry or physical examination, I am satisfied that the animal:

1.1 is a Madagascan giant day geckos (*Phelsuma madagascariensis grandis*)

1.2 was born, and has been continuously resident in a government registered or licensed zoo or wildlife park

1.3 has been continuously resident in the premises of origin for at least 12 months prior to certification

2 There has not been any outbreak of unexplained disease or death, or cases of tuberculosis or salmonellosis in the in-contact animals during the previous 12 months.

PRE-EXPORT ISOLATION

3 The animal to be exported was isolated from all other animals not of the same health and residency status for 30 days prior to the scheduled date of export. The animal and all in-contact animals were free from clinical signs of infectious disease during that period.

4 During the pre-export isolation period:

4.1 The animal was treated for endoparasites using a parasiticide with broad-spectrum efficacy:

Date of treatment:
Active ingredients and dose rate:

4.2 An effective process was instituted to ensure that the animal is ectoparasite and tick free.

Date of institution:
Treatment and active ingredient:

4.3 A faecal sample from the animal was cultured for *Salmonellae* using a pre-enrichment media, an enrichment media and a *Salmonella* selective media. All isolates were serotyped.

5 Within 48 hours of export, I examined the animal for export to New Zealand and found it to be free from clinical signs of infectious disease and free from external parasites.

6 All laboratory tests were conducted at a Government laboratory or a laboratory approved by the Government Veterinary Service of this country.

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Registered Veterinarian Date of Signature

Name and address of office: .....

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VETERINARY CERTIFICATE - B

I,..... the Official Veterinarian at the port of export of the animal for export to New Zealand identified in the attached Zoosanitary Certificate, certify that:

1 At the time of export the animal was inspected and found to be healthy and fit to travel, and free from clinical signs of infectious disease.

2 The veterinarian certifying Veterinary Certificate A is a registered veterinarian in the country of origin.

3 All the required documents were examined and found to be correctly completed in accordance with the New Zealand import health standard requirements.

4 The animal was placed in a container that met IATA standards, detailed in the section **Air Transport to New Zealand** of the import health standard. The container was sealed with an official seal bearing the number or mark:

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Official Veterinarian Official stamp and date

Name and address of office.....

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